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SUBJECT: ANTI-NUCLEAR DEMONSTRATION AT BARSEBACK

1. THE LARGEST ANTI-NUCLEAR DEMONSTRATION HELD THUS FAR IN THE NORDIC AREA TOOK PLACE AT BARSEBACK ON SWEDEN'S SOUTHWEST COAST ON SEPTEMBER 10. CROWDS ESTIMATED AT BETWEEN 12-15,000 PARTICIPATED PEACEFULLY IN AN 18-KILOMETER MARCH FROM LOMMA TO THE SITE IN BARSEBACK WHERE TWO OF SWEDEN'S SIX OPERATING NUCLEAR PLANTS ARE LOCATED.

2. THE MANIFESTATION, CALLED NORDEN MOT BARSEBACK--THE NORDIC COUNTRIES AGAINST BARSEBACK--WAS ORGANIZED BY A NUMBER OF POLITICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS IN SWEDEN, UNCLASSIFIED

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DENMARK, FINLAND AND NORWAY. SEVERAL VETERANS OF SIMILAR DEMONSTRATIONS IN GERMANY ALSO PARTICIPATED. PROMINENT AMONG THE SWEDISH GROUPS WAS A LARGE DELEGATION OF THE CENTER PARTY YOUTH LEAGUE LED BY CUF CHAIRMAN ANDERS LJUNGGREN.

3. IN ADDITION TO DENOUNCING NUCLEAR POWER DEVELOPMENT

IN GENERAL, THE CROWDS DIRECTED PARTICULAR CRITICISM TOWARD THE TWO BARSEBACK PLANTS, OPERATED BY THE SYDKRAFT POWER GROUP. THEY DEMANDED THAT PRIME MINISTER FALLDIN BEGIN FULFILLING LAST YEAR'S CAMPAIGN COMMITMENT TO "TAKE SWEDEN OUT OF THE NUCLEAR SOCIETY" BY SHUTTING DOWN THE BARSEBACK FACILITIES, PARTICULARLY BARSEBACK II WHICH HAS BEEN IN OPERATION ONLY SINCE LAST MARCH. THE CLOSE PROXIMITY OF THE BARSEBACK PLANTS TO THE HEAVIEST POPULATED AREA IN THE NORDIC COUNTRIES--THE MALMO AND COPENHAGEN COMPLEX--AND THE "THREAT" WHICH THIS REPRESENTS WAS A MAIN THEME OF THE PROTEST. OTHER BANNERS URGED THE GOVERNMENT TO EXPLOIT ALL POSSIBILITIES FOR SUN, WIND AND WATER POWER IN PLACE OF NUCLEAR.

4. BY OCTOBER 1 OF THIS YEAR, SYDKRAFT OFFICIALS MUST PRESENT TO THE GOS AN "ACCEPTABLE" CONTRACT FOR THE SAFE REPROCESSING OF WASTE FUEL FROM THE BARSEBACK II PLANT OR, ALTERNATIVELY, A PLAN FOR THE GUARANTEED SAFE STORAGE IN SWEDEN OF THE PLANT'S SPENT FUEL. SHOULD THE GOVERNMENT FIND SYDKRAFT'S PROPOSALS "UNACCEPTABLE", THE GOVERNMENT HAS INDICATED THAT IT WILL ORDER THE PLANT SHUT DOWN. ONE OF THE CHIEF PURPOSES OF THE SEPTEMBER 10 MANIFESTATION, THEREFORE, WAS TO PUT ADDITIONAL PRESSURE ON THE PRIME MINISTER TO REJECT AS "UNACCEPTABLE" WHATEVER ARRANGEMENTS SYDKRAFT HAS MADE TO COMPLY WITH GOVERNMENT REQUIREMENTS.

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